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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8264

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, SU, JA

SUBJECT: SAKHALIN OIL AND GAS PROJECT

1. AN INDUSTRY SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT SEISMOLOGICAL STUDIES WILL BEGIN IN MAY ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AROUND SAKHALIN ISLAND. THE JAPANESE PARTNER SODECO, IN WHICH GULF OIL HAS A 3 PERCENT INTEREST, HAS CHARTERED ON A "BARE BOAT" BASIS A VESSEL FROM THE COMPAGNIE GENERAL DE GEOPHYSIC (CGG) WITH AN OPTION TO BUY. THE SHIP IS NOW ENROUTE TO SAKHALIN AND SOVIET CREWS ARE BEING TRAINED. TEST DRILLING, HOWEVER, WILL PROBABLY NOT BEGIN UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

2. COMMENT: GULF'S EQUITY POSITION IN SODECO REMAINS UNAFFECTED, SO GULF WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE ACCESS TO THE DATA WHICH WILL BE PROCESSED IN PARIS. THE PROJECT IS,  
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HOWEVE, 3 YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE, AND THE SLOW PACE

MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SODECO PRESIDENT IMAZATO'S  
JUST ANNOUNCED DECISION TO STEP UPSTAIRS FROM THE  
PRESIDENCY TO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.  
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